

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE  
GREATER LAFAYETTE AREA TRANSPORTATION & DEVELOPMENT STUDY**

**Minutes  
February 10, 2006**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Tony Roswarski  
Jan Mills  
John Knochel  
Gary Schroeder  
Gary Henriott  
Ann Hunt  
Mark Albers  
Joel Wright

Mayor of the City of Lafayette  
Mayor of the City of West Lafayette  
President of the County Commissioners  
President of the Area Plan Commission  
Lafayette Board of Works  
President of the West Lafayette City Council  
Representative of IN. Dept. of Transportation (INDOT)  
Chairman of the GLPTC

**Absent Voting Members**

David Byers  
Perry Brown

President of the County Council  
President of the Lafayette City Council

**Non-Voting Members**

Sallie Fahey  
Jennifer Bonner  
Dana Smith  
Opal Kuhl

Executive Director of the Area Plan Commission  
City Engineer of Lafayette  
Pres.- Lafayette-W. Lafayette Chamber of Commerce  
Executive Director, Tippecanoe County Highway Dept.

**Absent Non-Voting Members**

Dennis Carson  
David Franklin  
Jon Fricker  
Jeremy Grenard  
Marty Sennett

Director of Lafayette Redevelopment Committee  
Representative of IN. Dept. of Transportation (INDOT)  
Chairman of the Technical Transportation Committee  
City Engineer of West Lafayette  
Greater Lafayette Public Transportation Corporation

**Also Present**

Doug Poad  
John Thomas

APC Staff  
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Chair Mayor Roswarski called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

**I. MINUTES**

Tony Roswarski informed the Committee a new front page of the minutes was distributed noting some changes in membership.

John Knochel moved to approve the minutes as submitted from the December 2, 2005 meeting.

Joel Wright noted Congressman Buyer's name was misspelled on page 3 of the minutes.

Tony Roswarski stated it was spelled correctly on the copy he received and several Committee members concurred.

Sallie Fahey stated Mr. Wright erroneously received an unedited copy of the minutes and noted the name is now spelled correctly.

Mark Albers asked Sallie Fahey what was changed on the front page of the minutes.

Sallie Fahey replied Opal Kuhl was previously listed as a city employee rather than a county employee.

Mark Albers stated, although he used the word undesirable, a better word would have been unresponsive. He asked the Committee if the wording could be amended on the minutes.

Tony Roswarski stated a motion would be needed to change the wording as the transcription is correct.

John Knochel withdrew his original motion and moved the minutes be amended by changing Mark Albers description from undesirable to unresponsive. Gary Schroeder seconded and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

John Knochel moved to approve the amended minutes. Jan Mills seconded and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

## **II. FY 2005 TIP AMENDMENT**

Doug Poad asked if all present have a copy of the staff report. He noted there are 3 requests included:

1. A request from the central office of INDOT to construct a new traffic signal at the intersection of new US 231 and CR 350 S. He stated the construction and installation will occur this year and the entire \$80,000.00 cost will be paid by Federal Safety Funds. INDOT has asked for this project to be included in the TIP in order for them to request the Federal funds
2. Improve and widen Williams and Harrison streets.
3. Improve and change Wood, Chauncey and Grant Streets (eastern side of new Purdue Ring Road)

He went on to say, items 2 & 3 are pre-authorization requests by the Area Plan Commission for the 2025 Plan for the Purdue University area. INDOT is reviewing the Area Plan Commission request to change the functional classification maps to include these improvements. The request is being made at this time because it is not known how long it will take INDOT and the Federal Highway Administration to officially approve the changes. He concluded by saying the pre-approval request was approved at the January meeting of the Technical Transportation Committee so that when the Federal classification maps are approved, the TIP can be administratively amended and the funds can be requested.

Gary Henriott stated there was an amendment about 6 months ago regarding the Purdue Ring Road and asked if this amendment is the same.

Doug Poad responded the prior amendment was to the Transportation Plan, which is the long range plan. This request will allow the funds to be programmed to build the project.

Jan Mills moved to approve the FY 2005 TIP AMENDMENT. Gary Henriott seconded and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Doug Poad stated the amendment would be presented to the Area Plan Commission on February 15, 2006

## **III. OTHER BUSINESS**

Sallie Fahey introduced John Thomas as the new Assistant Director for Transportation Planning

### **1. PURDUE UNIVERSITY AIRPORT**

Jan Mills informed the Committee that she, or the Committee, has until March 6, 2006 to respond to a letter from the Federal Aviation Administration, in which the FAA notified her of plans to decommission a runway or some part of the Purdue University Airport. She then asked Mayor Roswarski if he received a similar letter.

Tony Roswarski stated this is the first he has heard of the letter.

Jan Mills then stated she would contact Betty Stansbury at the Purdue Airport to see if she has any additional information to share with the Committee.

Gary Henriott asked what repercussions there might be from decommissioning a runway, due to the fact the airport receives Federal funds.

Jan Mills stated she did not know much about the process and the letter was very brief.

Dana Smith stated the funds received are only \$250,000.00 annually, due to the fact there are no passenger planes using the facilities.

John Knochel asked if the events at the airport are keeping air traffic controllers at the airport.

Gary Schroeder stated controllers are at the airport from 7am until 9pm daily.

John Knochel stated the purpose of decommissioning the runway might be to eliminate the air traffic controllers.

Gary Schroeder stated the Purdue Airport is the 2<sup>nd</sup> busiest airport in the state.

Sallie Fahey asked if it could be the second runway that may be decommissioned.

Gary Schroeder said he did not believe a runway at Purdue would be decommissioned.

Jan Mills said the letter stated "Physical components of the system are, 35'AGL/635' AMSL at latitude 40 degrees, etc"

Gary Schroeder stated AGL means "above ground level".

Mark Albers speculated that the intent of the FAA might be to lower the classification of the airport, due to the fact there are no commercial airlines using the airport.

Tony Roswarski reiterated Gary Schroeder's previous statement, that the Purdue University Airport is the 2<sup>nd</sup> busiest airport in Indiana.

Gary Schroeder read from the letter and quoted "removal of the LAF-WEF, runway 10' and stated he felt this is some type of a navigational aid.

John Thomas noted the fact that page 2 of the letter mentioned a different description.

Tony Roswarski felt someone should speak with the airport management as soon as possible.

Jan Mills stated she intended to do so right away.

Gary Schroeder stated the letter is referring to a 45' structure.

Tony Roswarski thanked Jan Mills for bringing the letter to the attention of the Committee.

## **2. PARK EAST SIDEWALKS**

Sallie Fahey stated the project no longer includes sidewalks and she is concerned that they will not be built.

Jennifer Bonner stated there is still a plan for sidewalks.

Sallie Fahey noted there is no mechanism in the Subdivision Ordinance for the Area Plan Commission to require the developer to install sidewalks during construction if the street has already been built.

Jennifer Bonner noted the City of Lafayette can require sidewalks with building permits.

Sallie Fahey stated the Area Plan Commission can only require sidewalks before the streets are constructed and went on to say the bigger issue involves the Thoroughfare Plan, which has been adopted by all the jurisdictions. That plan requires both local governments and developers to follow the same standards. She stated she did not want the perception that local government does not follow the same regulations they imposed on private developers.

Jennifer Bonner asked if there was concern that the City of Lafayette was not following the regulations.

Sallie Fahey stated there was not and that the concern was that the APC, through the subdivision process, did not have the mechanism in place to force the developer to install sidewalks.

Jennifer Bonner stated the sidewalk construction is included in the bid and the builder has agreed to build them in order to obtain funding for the project.

Sallie Fahey asked about the stretch between where the sidewalk ends now and where the developer is putting them in.

Jennifer Bonner replied that the City of Lafayette is completing that portion of the sidewalks.

### **3. DRAFT OF CHANGE ORDER POLICY FOR FEDERAL AID STP/MG FUNDS**

Sallie Fahey distributed a draft of the proposed change order policy and informed the Committee there was no need to discuss the proposal today but encouraged the members to look it over and to discuss the draft with engineers, etc. She suggested it be placed on the agenda for the March meeting of the Administrative Committee.

### **4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

John Thomas stated staff would be working with the city and county engineers to prepare the 2006 TIP. He went on to inform the Committee that the public hearing for the Cumberland Avenue extension is to be held, Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. He also said that the bids for widening SR 43 N to Interstate 65 were in, but again the bids were too high. He then asked Mark Albers if he had any additional information.

Mark Albers informed the Committee that the bids were almost \$1,000,000.00 over the estimates and that is due to the fact that the asphalt work will stretch over several seasons. The bidders had to speculate with regard to the future asphalt prices and bid accordingly. He did say the bid would be re-let on February 22, 2006 but did add, if the bid was not awarded, there could be a 1 year or so delay due to environmental issues, namely the bat situation.

John Thomas asked if it would really take 3 seasons for the construction to be completed.

Mark Albers responded that a full year would be needed for utility relocation and road grading and that the remaining 2 years would be spent on the actual construction.

### **5. PRECINCT MAPS**

John Thomas concluded by informing the Committee that Doug Poad has been working with Voter Registration on new precinct maps.

Doug Poad presented the new precinct maps for viewing and stated all the work is now being done with the new GIS system. He stated the first map shows the county and the individual precinct locations. The next layer is that of individual townships, with not only the streets and the roads, but also the precinct boundaries. He went on to say staff has recently completed maps of the County Commissioner and

County Council districts and will soon be creating 8 ½ x 11 PDF maps and those maps will be accessible online.

Sallie Fahey informed the Committee these maps will be available on the APC website and may soon be available on the Election Board / Voter Registration website. She went on to say the precinct maps would be available in the appropriate clerks' offices and also the offices of the County Commissioners.

#### **6. MISCELLANEOUS**

Ann Hunt introduced herself as the newly-elected President of the West Lafayette City Council.

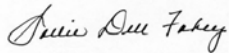
Mark Albers made available 6 copies of the current INDOT status reports.

#### **IV. ADJOURNMENT**

John Knochel moved to adjourn with Jan Mills seconding.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30am.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sallie Dell Fahey  
Secretary

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